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(Amended once) A memory module comprising:

- a first memory device;
- a second memory device stacked on the first memory device; and
- a buffer coupled to the first and second memory devices and arranged to capacitively isolate the first and second memory devices from a bus;

wherein the module is fabricated on a circuit board and further comprises a connector attached to the circuit board and adapted to couple the module to the bus.

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(Amended once) A memory module comprising:

- a first memory device;
- a second memory device stacked on the first memory device; and
- a buffer coupled to the first and second memory devices and arranged to capacitively isolate the first and second memory devices from a bus;

wherein the memory module is adapted to receive a signal from the bus and to redrive the signal to another memory module.

(Amended once) A memory module according to claim wherein the memory module is adapted to receive a plurality of signals from the bus and to redrive the plurality of signals to another memory module.

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(Amended once) A memory module comprising:

- a first memory device;
- a second memory device stacked on the first memory device; and
- a buffer coupled to the first and second memory devices and arranged to capacitively isolate the first and second memory devices from a bus;

wherein the buffer is adapted to receive a signal from the bus and to redrive the signal to another memory module.

- 17. (Amended once) A memory system comprising:
- a bus;
- a stack of memory devices; and
- a buffer coupled between the stack of memory devices and the memory bus, wherein the stack of memory devices is not stacked on the buffer.

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(Amended twice) A memory system comprising:

- a bus;
- a stack of memory devices;
- a buffer coupled between the stack of memory devices and the bus;
- a second stack of memory devices; and
- a second buffer coupled between the second stack of memory devices and the bus;
- wherein the stacks of memory devices are not stacked on the buffers.



(Amended twice) A memory system comprising:

- a bus;
- a stack of memory devices;
- a first buffer coupled between the stack of memory devices and the bus;
- a second stack of memory devices; and
- a second buffer coupled between the second stack of memory devices and the first

buffer.

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Please add the following new claims:

- 24. (New) A memory system comprising:
- a bus;
- a plurality of stacks of memory devices; and
- a buffer coupled between the plurality of stacks of memory devices and the bus.
- 25. (New) A memory system according to claim 24 further comprising:
- a second plurality of stacks of memory devices; and
- a second buffer coupled between the second plurality of stacks of memory devices and the bus.
  - 26. (New) A memory system according to claim 24 further comprising:
  - a second plurality of stacks of memory devices; and
- a second buffer coupled between the second plurality of stacks of memory devices and the first buffer.

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, 27. (New) A memory system according to claim 24 wherein the buffer is adapted to receive a signal from the bus and redrive the signal to another buffer.

28. (New) A memory module comprising:

- a circuit board;
- a first stack of memory devices mounted on the circuit board;
- a second stack of memory device mounted on the circuit board; and
- a buffer mounted on the circuit board and coupled to the first and second stacks of memory devices.

29. (New) A memory module according to claim 28 wherein the buffer is adapted to redrive signals.

30. (New) A memory module according to claim 28 further comprising:

- a third stack of memory devices mounted on the circuit board;
- a fourth stack of memory devices mounted on the circuit board; and
- a second buffer mounted on the circuit board and coupled to the third and fourth stacks of memory devices.

31. (New) A memory module according to claim 36 wherein the first buffer is adapted to redrive signals to another module.

32. (New) A memory module according to claim 39 wherein the first buffer is adapted to redrive signals to the second buffer.

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